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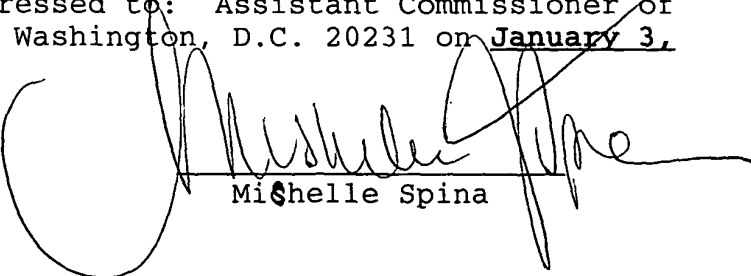
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 3, 1999, setting forth a requirement for restriction and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-15 directed to nucleic acid molecules comprising a sequence encoding a SOCS box motif. Applicants further provisionally

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